2025 Summer Ag Institutes

Illinois Ag in the Classroom Presentation

ROADS Querb & RAILS

FEATURED ACTIVITIES:

Transportation Activity Booklet - Introduce students to transportation and the supply chain with this fun, self-guided workbook.

The Shape of Illinois - *Create a clay relief map to learn how glaciers shaped our state.*

Glacier Goo - Experiment with a polymer to simulate the movement of glaciers.

Circuit Bugs - Engineer a closed circuit to learn about the flow of electrical currents.

Superabsorbent Polymer Ice Packs - Learn about an a-MAIZE-ing invention discovered in IL!

Futures Farming - *Use M&Ms to learn about farmers' decisions when selling commodities.*

Dollar Distribution - How many cents of each dollar spent on food goes back to the farmer? Let's find out!

Lincoln's Patent - Use primary sources to learn about Lincoln's only patent, and re-imagine the design using ideas from modern technology.

Tin Foil Flatboat - Test your STEM skills to craft a boat out of tin foil and see how many pennies it can hold.

Navigating IL Waterways - Learn more about the Illinois waterways with this fun map activity!

Design a Bridge - *Use simple materials to design and build a bridge to test span and/or load.*

Tassel to Table - Get out of your chair and learn about the supply chain of corn with this interactive lesson!

Indoor BINGO - Have fun searching for the agricultural co- and by-products in your cabinets!

Spot IL! - There's more to Illinois agriculture than corn and soybeans! Learn more in this fun card game.

Where is My Milk From? - Discover where your dairy products come from.

Transportation Puzzles - Test your coding and navigation skills to learn more about the supply chain.

Wad-O-Watershed - *Use simple materials to demonstrate how watersheds work.*

Road Trip BINGO - Spot the connections between transportation and agriculture on your next road trip!

Roads, Rivers, and Rails Board Game - *Create and play a unique board game that tests your transportation knowledge.*